

CHOCOLATE VASES WITH PAPER PIECED FLOWERS

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SUPPLIES NEEDED

- 3 foil-wrapped candy bars (M*azing bars will make a 3-flower vase: recommended for atamp camps or smaller projects; Hershey® Symphony Bars or any large foil-wrapped candy bar are appropriate for larger vases)
- 1 sheet of Designer Series® patterned paper (for your vase)
- scraps of coordinating *cardstock* (for punching shapes, these will be your flowers)
- Garden Green cardstock
- Word Window Punch
- Folk Heart Punch (retired, or EK Success® medium folk heart)
- Leaf Punch (retired)
- 1-1/4" Circle Punch
- 1-3/8" Circle Punch
- 1/8" Circle Hand Punch
- 1/2" Circle Punch (optional)
- Oval Punch (large and small, optional: may replace Sizzix® Primitive Hearts die for larger posies)
- Coluzzle with Circle Template (or Sizzix® Die, Circle #2)
- Sizzix® Tag Set (round top tag) and Primitive Hearts - optional
- SNAIL® Adhesive or high-tack tape runner
- Xyron® machine
- Tape (clear, like Scotch brand, for gift wrapping)
- Mini Glue Dots (optional)
- Stampin' Dimensionals® or scrap rubber
- Ribbon
- Bamboo skewers*
- Garden Green CRAFT reinker*
- Personal Paper Trimmer with both cutting and scoring blades**
- Paper Snips
- Pruning Shears (optional)
- Floral foam
- Serrated knife (for cutting floral foam)

* green plant stakes may be substituted (e.g., <http://www.afloral.com/index.asp?PageAction=VIEWPROD&ProdID=167>)

** bone folder or Cutting Kit and ruler can be substituted for scoring blade

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PREP

approximately 24 hours before making your vase

If using bamboo skewers (not green plant stakes), dye raw bamboo skewers with craft ink by sponging ink on carefully – watch for splinters! Let dry at least overnight or heat set (preferred). Note: depending on the size of skewers you use and the size of your vase, you may want to cut skewers to varying heights prior to making flowers. Recommended: place skewers in vase once assembled, mark desired height, and cut flat end using pruning shears (do NOT use good scissors for this task). Remember to leave an extra $\frac{3}{4}$ " – 1" of skewer for the flower head.

If desired, punch several shapes from the Word Window, Folk Heart, and Leaf punches in desired colors. Additional leaf punches in Garden Green (or green that best matches your plant stakes) can be punched at this time.

DIRECTIONS

VASE

Remove paper wrappers from candy bars, leaving foil intact. Measure and cut Designer Series paper to size. Run paper through Xyron machine (optional) or use SNAIL down one side of the paper. Rewrap candy bars with patterned paper.

Lay all 3 candy bars face down and side-by-side. Place a strip of clear tape at each of the two seams. Place a third strip of clear tape at one end so that half of the strip hangs over the edge. Pick up the connected candy bars and fold into triangle shape, while carefully maneuvering the third strip of tape so that it seals the third connecting seam on the inside of the vase. Tie ribbon around the middle of the vase to secure and provide added strength.

Set vase on top of scrap piece of coordinating cardstock. Trace vase bottom. Cut out slightly smaller than marked. Glue cut piece on one side and adhere to bottom of vase. Cut floral foam to fit vase (a serrated knife works best) and insert.

FLOWERS

Daisy: Punch 16 strips from the Word Window punch, 3 circles from the 1-3/16" punch and 2 circles from the 1-1/4" punch.

Take one of the larger circles and cover the entire side with SNAIL adhesive (or Xyron). Place one word window strip on the circle so that about $\frac{1}{2}$ " overlaps onto the circle and the remainder of the strip hangs off the edge. With the first strip aligned at 12 o'clock on a clock face, place the next strip at 6 o'clock. The following strip should be at 3 o'clock and the next at 9 o'clock. Continue to place strips centered in between two existing strips, with the following strip at 180° opposite until the flower is complete. You may need to add glue to the strips that overlap on the circle as you go. Take another circle of the same size and cover one side completely with SNAIL adhesive (or Xyron). Adhere to center of flower. You now should have a two-sided daisy.

To add stem, place a strip of glue on one side of the flower center (the circle only) and place skewer on sticky area. Adhere Stampin' Dimensionals (or foam scraps) closely around the skewer (only on circle). Take one of the larger circles and cover the entire side with SNAIL adhesive (or Xyron). Place over skewer and line up to flower center. Press firmly. Add dimensional(s) to flower center and place one of the smaller circles on top. Repeat on opposite side.

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Sunflower: Punch strips from the Word Window punch, then cut in half. Cut 3 large circles of desired size from Coluzzle (or Sizzix).

Take one of the circles and cover the entire side with SNAIL adhesive (or Xyron). Take one of the half-strips from the Word Window punch and adhere to circle, overlapping cut edge to desired length. With the first strip aligned at 12 o'clock on a clock face, place the next strip at 6 o'clock. The following strip should be at 3 o'clock and the next at 9 o'clock. Continue to place strips centered in between two existing strips, with the following strip at 180° opposite until the flower is complete. You may need to add glue to the strips that overlap on the circle as you go. Take another circle of the same size and cover one side completely with SNAIL adhesive (or Xyron). Adhere to center of flower. You now should have a two-sided sunflower.

To add stem, cover the entire side of the circle (where petals overlap) with SNAIL adhesive and place skewer in center of sticky area. Adhere Stampin' Dimensionals (or foam scraps) closely around the skewer (only on circle). Take another circle and cover the entire side with SNAIL adhesive (or Xyron). Place circle over skewer and line up to flower center. Press firmly. Optional: add Stampin' Dimensionals to circle and cover with an additional circle for more dimension. Repeat on opposite side.

Carnation: Punch hearts from the Folk Heart Punch. Cut 2 large circles of desired size from Coluzzle (or Sizzix) for large carnation, or punch 2 circles from 1-3/8" punch for smaller carnation. Punch 1 circle from the 1/2" punch.

Take one of the circles and cover the entire side with SNAIL adhesive (or Xyron). Place one heart shape on edge of circle so that bumps hang over the edge. You should not see the edge of the circle. Align a second heart next to the first so that the edges are the same height. (Notice that the folk heart has one high bump and one low bump. Place high bumps next to high bumps and low bumps next to low bumps to create carnation texture.) Repeat continuously around the circle until there is a ring of hearts around the edge of the circle. Create a new ring of hearts that is slightly smaller than the first by placing one heart on the seam of two hearts (so that bumps cover the seams), approximately 1/4" closer to the center of the circle. This will create a concentric ring of hearts for the large carnation, and the final ring for the smaller carnation (you may be required to overlap the point of the hearts on the small carnation). For the large carnation, create one additional ring of hearts (overlap likely required at this point). To finish, place a circle from the 1/2" punch in the center. *Optional: use a small non-SU! flower punch instead.*

To add stem, cover the entire back side of the circle with SNAIL adhesive and place skewer in center of sticky area. Adhere Stampin' Dimensionals (or foam scraps) closely around the skewer (only on circle). Take another circle and cover the entire side with SNAIL adhesive (or Xyron). Place circle over skewer (flat end) and line up to flower back. Press firmly. *Optional: create a double-sided carnation by making an additional carnation and glue them back to back.*

Marigold: Punch leaves from the Leaf punch. Cut 1 large circle of desired size from Coluzzle (or Sizzix).

Fold circle in half (do not glue). Punch or cut a small hole in center of the folded edge. (This is where the stem will go.) Unfold and glue entire side of the circle with SNAIL adhesive (or Xyron). Poke skewer through hole, then fold circle and press firmly to seal.

To add petals, cover one side of the half-circle with SNAIL adhesive. Align a leaf shape at the top center so that the middle tip of the leaf shape is at 12 o'clock on a clock face. The points on the leaf shape should hang over the edge of the circle and you should not see the curve of the circle behind the leaf shape. Align another leaf shape so that the flat "bottom" edge of the leaf shape is aligned to the far left and also to the bottom fold of the half-circle (the middle tip of the leaf shape should be pointing to 10 o'clock). Repeat at opposite corner (so that middle tip of leaf shape is pointing to 2 o'clock). Adhere additional leaf shapes to the top curve of the half-circle so that tips slightly overlap each other. Place a leaf shape directly below the top center leaf shape. Place an additional leaf shape directly below that one so that the bottom of the leaf shape meets the folded edge of the half-circle. The tiny stem of the leaf shape will hang over the edge. Continue adhering leaf shapes to the folded edge of the half-circle, starting from the outer edges and moving

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towards the center, always aligning the flat edge of the leaf shape to the folded edge of the half-circle (middle tips on the leaf shapes should be pointing to either 10 o'clock on left or 2 o'clock on right). *Optional: repeat on opposite side of half-circle to make a two-sided flower.*

Posy: Punch 6 hearts from the Folk Heart punch (or larger Sizzix Primitive Hearts). Punch 4 circles from the 1/2" circle punch (or larger circles for larger hearts).

Take one of the circles and cover one entire side with SNAIL adhesive (or Xyron). Place one folk heart shape on the circle so that the bottom point overlaps onto the circle and the remainder hangs off of the edge. With the first heart shape aligned at 12 o'clock on a clock face, place the next strip at 6 o'clock. The following strip should be at 2 o'clock and the next at 8 o'clock. And the remaining two heart shapes should be at 10 o'clock and 4 o'clock. Take another circle of the same size and cover one side completely with SNAIL adhesive (or Xyron). Adhere to center of flower. You now should have a two-sided posy.

To add stem, place a strip of glue on one side of the flower center (the circle only) and place skewer on sticky area. Adhere Stampin' Dimensionals (or foam scraps) closely around the skewer (only on circle). Take another circle and cover the entire side with SNAIL adhesive (or Xyron). Place over skewer and line up to flower center. Press firmly. Add dimensional(s) to flower center and place another circle on top. Repeat on opposite side.

Tulip: (requires Sizzix tag set, or round top tags) Punch 6 tags from desired paper or cardstock to make a double sided-tulip. *Note: if using cardstock, thinner cardstock is recommended.* To create a handmade paper texture, wet completely, crumple into ball, lay flat and iron until dry (lay a piece of scrap cardstock on top of wet cardstock to prevent scorching while ironing). Sponge on desired ink.

Place two tags together (back to back) and tear the flat edge so that it comes to a gentle point in the center. These will be the back of your tulip. Place another two tags together (back to back) and tear from one corner of the flat edge to create a curving diagonal about 1 – 1-1/2" down the edge. Repeat on opposite corner of final two tags. These will be the front of your tulip. Cover the back edges of tags with diagonal tears with SNAIL adhesive.

Take one of the tags with the points in the center and lay on surface. This will be your tulip back. The rounded bottom of the tag will be the bottom of the tulip. When you layer tags, all tags should line up to the rounded bottom and pivot outwards from this point. Place one tag with a diagonal tear slightly at an angle so that the high side is splayed out from the outer edge of the flower and the curved bottom lines up. Repeat on other side of tulip with a tag that has the opposite diagonal tear. This is one side of your tulip. Repeat with remaining tags.

To add stem, cover the back of both tulips with SNAIL adhesive. Be careful not to glue too close to top and outer edges, which may show through when looking at tulip from opposite side. Place skewer in center and stick tulips together back to back.

Leaves (for marigold and carnation): Punch several leaf shapes from the Leaf punch. Cut strips of green cardstock to approximately 3/8" x 8-1/2"

Run SNAIL adhesive about 3-1/2" down one strip of cardstock. (To add more "branches," cut a small section from one strip and glue at an angle to a long strip.) With your strip placed vertically in front of you (12 o'clock to 6 o'clock), place one leaf shape at the very top of the strip so that the middle tip of the leaf shape is pointed at 12 o'clock. Place the second leaf shape below the first, overlapping slightly so that the top leaves just meet with the bottom leaves of the previous shape. Continue this process until the end of the SNAIL adhesive.

Punch 1/8" hole about 1" below the bottom of the last leaf shape and run skewer through hole. Glue should not be necessary.

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Leaves (for daisy, sunflower, and posy): Punch several round-top tags from the Sizzix tag set punch.

Score tag vertically in center (hot dog direction) and fold in half. Using Paper Snips, cut flat end into a pointed tip. Insert stem through hole in tag. Glue should not be necessary. *Optional: Cut a rectangle to 1-1/2" x 3" and score vertically in center (hot dog direction). Using paper snips, cut in shape of half-heart, but minimize the bump. Unfold and punch 1/8" hole at wide end.*

ASSEMBLY

Place completed flowers in vase and arrange as desired. The base of the leaves for carnations and marigolds should be inside the vase and not visible. To further secure carnation/marigold leaves, use a glue dot to adhere tip of one leaf to back of flower. To further secure daisy/sunflower/posy leaves, use a glue dot to position two leaves together at desired angle.